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SUBJ: GSDR PUBLICLY ATTACKS WESTERN PRESS

REF: MOGADISCIO 0703

1. GSDR SECRETARY OF INFORMATION COL. ISMAIL ABOKOR ISSUED PRESS STATEMENT LATE MAY 17 VOICING GSDR CONCERN ABOUT " WAVE OF IMPERIALIST PROPAGANDA AGAINST SOMALIA... TO INSTIGATE INTERNATIONAL CONFLICT BETWEEN SOMALIA AND ITS NEIGHBORS"

2. COL. ISMAIL LISTED THREE OFFENDING MEDIA -- US, FRENCH AND UK. NEW YORK TIMES AND VOA ATTACKED FOR RESPECTIVELY PUBLISHING AND REPORTING APRIL 8 BEECHER ARTICLE OF SOVIET ARMS DELIVERY AND MILITARY PRESENCE IN SOMALIA. FRENCH WERE HIT FOR LE MONDE ARTICLE OF MARCH 23 REPORTING SAM MISSILES AND FRENCH RECONNAISSANCE OVERFLIGHTS OF SOMALIA; DAILY TELEGRAPH (BUT NOT BBC) FOR LAST MONTH' S REPORT THAT GENERAL ELECTIONS WOULD BE HELD IN SOMALIA BASED ON INTERVIEW WITH SIAD. STATEMENT CONCLUDES WITH HOPE THAT OTHER AFRICAN STATES
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WILL UNDERSTAND MOTIVE BEHIND THIS PROPAGANDA.

3. TEXT OF ISMAIL STATEMENT FORWARDED MOGADISCIO 0724.

4. COMMENT: THRUST AND TIMING OF ISMAIL STATEMENT ARE CLEARLY DESIGNED FOR OAU CONSUMPTION. SOMALIS SEEM TO BE TRYING TO BUILD UP PUBLIC CASE THAT THEY ARE THE INNOCENT VICTIM OF ETHIOPIA/ IMPERIALIST MACHINATIONS. SUSPECT THAT SOMALIS PRIVATELY ARE ARGUING THAT HIM WASHINGTON VISIT IS FURTHER EVIDENCE. FRENCH AMBASSADOR TELLS US THAT OMAR ARTEH TOLD SYRIAN AMBASSADOR THAT HIM TRAVELLED WASHINGTON TO SEEK US CONCURRENCE FOR IEG PREEMPTIVE ATTACK ON SOMALIA.
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